

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2014 HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR INCENTIVE PERMITS

AND

2014 ON-LINE SKILLS EVALUATION INCENTIVE PERMITS

- Special deer, elk, moose, and wild turkey permits will be allocated through a random drawing to those Hunter Education Instructors who qualify.
- Permit hunters may use only archery equipment during archery seasons, muzzleloader or archery equipment during muzzleloader seasons, and any legal weapon during modern firearm seasons. **When modern firearms are used while hunting, hunter orange is required, except for wild turkey.**
- Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits and On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits may not be transferred, and harvest reporting requirements established under WAC 232-28-299 apply.
- **For Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits, qualifying Hunter Education Instructors must be certified and have been in active status for a minimum of three consecutive years, including the year prior to the permit drawing. Only active Instructors certified on or before December 31, 2010 are eligible to apply in January 2014.** Certification dates will be indicated on mailing labels.
- **For On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits, qualifying Hunter Education Instructors must be certified and have participated in at least one On-line Skills Evaluation Class in at least two of the following months: September 2013, October 2013, or November 2013 that involved at least 10 students each. Instructors who have previously drawn a Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit may apply if they meet the above criteria regardless of whether they currently fall under the 10-year disqualification category associated with Table One permits. Newly certified Hunter Education Instructors qualify to apply for On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits if they meet the criteria for participation delineated above. An Instructor will be entered only once each year into the drawing pool for an On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permit. There will be no 10-year disqualification period if drawn for an On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permit.**
- **Permittees may purchase a second license for use with the permit hunt only, except for moose and wild turkey incentive permits.** Instructors may use their general season tag for their deer or elk Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit hunt or On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive elk permit; however, they may also purchase a second deer or elk tag for use only during the Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit hunt, or a second elk tag for use only during the On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive elk permit hunt. Instructors who purchase a second deer or elk tag may take one animal during the general season with their appropriate general season deer or elk tag and a second animal during the hunt(s) associated with their deer or elk incentive

permit. Instructors must purchase a hunting license and appropriate tag before they can buy a second license and tag as allowed by their special incentive deer or elk permit. **A second license and tag for deer or elk must be purchased through the WDFW Licensing Division (360-902-2464).** Instructors must purchase their hunting license and appropriate tag before their special incentive permit is activated in the WILD licensing system. The tag sale deadline for deer, elk, and moose is December 31, 2014. **All instructors who accept a Hunter Education Incentive Permit or On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permit must contact the WDFW Licensing Division (360-902-2464).** Instructors drawing a moose incentive permit or turkey incentive permit may buy respective tags from any hunting license dealer.

- Open dates for deer and elk include all general season and permit seasons established for GMUs included with the incentive permit; except seasons and permits for master hunters, youth, hunters with disabilities, and hunters 65 and older do not apply unless the hunter education instructor selected legally qualifies for such hunts; and raffle and auction hunts do not apply.
- Moose permits are valid only from October 1 through November 30.
- Wild turkey permits are valid only from April 1 through May 31.
- **Qualified Hunter Education Instructors may only accept one incentive permit each year, whether that permit is a Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit or an On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permit.**

Instructors who are drawn for one of the On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits listed below, accept a permit, and are able to participate in the hunt, will not be disqualified from applying for On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits in the future. They also will not be disqualified from applying for Table One Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits unless they have been drawn within the past 10 years for a Table One Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit.

ON-LINE SKILLS EVALUATION INCENTIVE PERMITS (Yellow Application)

Region 1	antlerless only moose	GMU 113	1 permit
Region 3	any elk	GMUs 336-368	1 permit
Region 5	any elk	all 500 series GMUs except GMU 552	1 permit

Instructors who are drawn for one of the Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits included in Table One below, accept a permit, and are able to participate in the hunt, will not be eligible for any of the listed Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits in Table One for a period of ten years thereafter.

TABLE ONE HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR INCENTIVE PERMITS (Pink Application)

Region 1	any white-tailed deer	any 100 series GMU except GMU 157	2 permits
Region 1	antlerless only moose	GMU 113	1 permit
Region 2	any deer	GMUs 215-251	1 permit
Region 2	any deer	GMU 290	1 permit
Region 3	any deer	GMUs 335-368, 382,388	1 permit
Region 3	any elk	GMUs 336-368	1 permit
Region 5	any elk	all 500 series GMUs except GMU 522	3 permits
Region 6	any elk	GMUs 654, 660, 672, 673, 681	1 permit

Instructors who are drawn for one of the Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits included in Table Two below and accept a permit will not be disqualified from applying for any of the listed incentive permits in Table Two in subsequent years.

TABLE TWO HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR INCENTIVE PERMITS (Blue Application)

Region 2	any white-tailed deer	GMUs 204-215	2 permits
Region 4	any deer	any 400 series GMU except GMUs 485 and 490	2 permits
Region 5	legal buck or antlerless deer	in any 500 series GMU	6 permits
Region 6	legal buck	GMUs 654, 660, 672, 673, 681	1 permit

Instructors who are drawn for one of the Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits included in Table Three below and accept a permit will not be disqualified from applying for any of the listed incentive permits in Table Three in subsequent years.

TABLE THREE HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR INCENTIVE PERMITS (Purple Application)

Statewide	turkey with visible beard	2 permits
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- Any Instructor who meets Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit qualification criteria may apply for Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits in Table Two and Table Three on an annual basis. This includes current and future Instructors who have accepted a Table One Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit in the past 10 years. This also includes future instructors who have accepted an On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permit.

- Instructors who meet qualification criteria for Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits and have not accepted one of the Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits in Table One during the past 10 years may apply for Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits in Table One, Table Two, and Table Three. **A list of instructors who do not qualify for Table One Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits will be provided each year.**
- Instructors will be mailed four color-coded application forms, one for each Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit table category, and one for the On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permit process.
- **Instructors who have previously accepted Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits that are included in Table Two or Table Three have had their 10-year disqualification lifted.**
- Instructors will be required to sign an affidavit stipulating that they have not accepted a Table One Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit in the past 10 years and/or that they meet the required qualification standards for Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits. For Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits, qualifying Hunter Education Instructors must be certified and have been in active status for a minimum of three consecutive years, including the year prior to the permit drawing. Only active instructors certified on or before December 31, 2010 are eligible to apply in 2014 for Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits. Affidavits will be part of each application form. **Instructors found to have submitted false information on applications will not be eligible for any type of incentive permits for ten years thereafter.** Certification dates will be indicated on mailing lists.
- Instructors will be required to sign an affidavit stipulating that they meet the criteria for On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits. For On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits, qualifying hunter education instructors must be certified and have participated in at least one On-line Skills Evaluation Class in at least two of the following months: September 2013, October 2013, or November 2013. Each of the On-line Skills Evaluation Classes must include at least 10 students to qualify. Instructors who have previously been drawn for a Table One Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit may still apply for an On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permit. There is no 10-year disqualification for being drawn for an On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permit. **Instructors found to have submitted false information on applications will not be eligible for any type of incentive permits for ten years thereafter.**
- Instructor applications submitted for Table One, Table Two, and Table Three Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits and for On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits will be drawn in late-February. Five names will be drawn for On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits; fourteen names will be drawn for Table One Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits; fourteen names will be drawn for Table Two Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits; and four names will be drawn for Table Three Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits.
- Wild turkey Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits in Table Three will be formally offered to Instructors in late-February. Permits will be offered in the same order as drawn. Each Instructor will be advised whether or not his/her name was also drawn for Table One and/or

Table Two Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits, along with their rank order, as well as whether s/he was drawn for one of the On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits and their rank order. They will be given the opportunity to waive. Instructors who accept a Table Three Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit will not be considered for a Table One or Table Two Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit, or an On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permit during 2014 because they may only accept one incentive permit each year. There will be no special follow-up drawing for any Table Three Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits left unclaimed.

- On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits will be formally offered to Instructors in early April following season-setting action by the Fish and Wildlife Commission. Permits will be offered in the same order as drawn. Instructors will be given the opportunity to waive. An Instructor who accepts an On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permit will not be considered for Table One Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits, Table Two Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits, or Table Three Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits during 2014 because s/he may accept only one incentive permit each year. There will be no special follow-up drawing for any On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits left unclaimed.
- Following the awarding of On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits, Table One Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits will be formally offered. Permits will be offered in the same order as drawn. Instructors will be given the opportunity to waive. An Instructor who accepts a Table One Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit will not be considered for a Table Two Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit during 2014 because s/he may accept only one incentive permit each year. There will be no special follow-up drawing for any Table One incentive permits left unclaimed.
- Table Two Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits will be formally offered to Instructors after the Table One process has been completed. Permits will be offered in the same order as drawn. There will be no special follow-up drawing for any Table Two Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits left unclaimed.
- Instructors will be notified by mail that their name was randomly drawn for an On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permit, or Table One, Table Two, or Table Three Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit, and the rank order in which they were drawn by category.
- On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits and Table One, Table Two, and Table Three available Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits will be posted on the Hunter Education website (<http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/huntered/instructor/>). When an Instructor's turn comes to either accept or waive an incentive permit opportunity s/he must select from the available permits posted on the Hunter Education website. As permits are formally chosen, they will be deleted from the website. Instructors should check the website daily. If an Instructor waives, the Instructor appearing next on the rank order list moves up one place. Instructors who do not have Internet access should contact Hunter Education immediately.

- Once an Instructor is “on the clock” s/he will have 48 hours to make a decision. All Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit selections must be sent via email directly to Jan Ulijohn: Jan.Ulijohn@dfw.wa.gov.
- Applications for On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits and for Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits will not be posted on the website. All application forms will be sent directly to Hunter Education Instructors via mail, usually in late October. Applications will be color-coded by type: On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits (yellow), Table One (Pink), Table Two (Blue), and Table Three (Purple). Instructors not receiving incentive permit applications should contact the Hunter Education Division.